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is presented with the Gold Key Award from Soroptimist International of Riverside on April 24th. In my congressional district of Riverside, California, we are fortunate to have men and women that not only unselfishly give their time and talents to the community but find their own lives enriched in return. Dickey DeLoss epitomizes this and more.

Soroptimist International of the Americas, a volunteer service organization for women, was formed in 1921 with a simple mission—to “make a difference for women.” Members represent a wide array of professions, including doctors, attorneys, teachers, chief executive officers, business owners and government officials. The group’s name comes from two Latin words meaning “best for women.”

Dickey DeLoss, as a Soroptimist, has unquestionably become a leader of women in her community. Her service began more than 20 years ago. Since then, Dickey has given tirelessly, engaging in awareness, advocacy and action through an incredible array of community life, including volunteering with: Alternatives to Domestic Violence, Deaf Awareness Commission, Evergreen Cemetery, County of Riverside-Division on Student Programs, Law Enforcement Policy Commission, YWCA, Youth Accountability Board and Human Relations Commission for the City of Riverside.

As a realtor since 1967 and broker since 1969, Dickey has led the way for women in the Inland Empire and received countless awards and recognitions. In fact, she became only the second woman in the 20 year history of the Riverside Board of Realtors to be President in 1975 and was the first woman president of the Magnolia Center Chamber of Commerce. Dickey was honored as California “Woman of the Year” in 1995 and has received over 73 other awards.

Mr. Speaker, volunteers are critical to fostering a spirit of understanding, good citizenship and good government in the United States and worldwide. The women of Soroptimist International of Riverside exemplify this by offering young women role models, thereby assuring that an active interest in the civic, culture, social and moral welfare of our communities is passed on from generation to generation. I congratulate Dickey DeLoss on her award and commend her for her work within the community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
EMILY A. GROSS ON HER APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio’s Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Emily A. Gross of Norwalk, Ohio, has accepted an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Emily’s offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Air

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2005. Attending one of our nation’s military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Emily brings an enormous amount of leadership, service and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force Academy cadets. While attending St. Paul High School, Emily attained a grade point average of 3.93, which places her tenth in a class of 68. In her high school career, Emily has been recognized as a National Honor Society Member, a Wendy’s National Heisman Award Nominee, and has been counted in the Who’s Who Among American High School Students.

Outside the classroom, Emily has distinguished herself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, she has earned numerous letters and awards in volleyball and basketball. She has also been an active member of the Key Club, marching band and concert band.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to pay special tribute to Emily A. Gross. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am confident that Emily will do very well during her career at the Air Force Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing her well as she begins her service to the nation.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS/STATEMENT
BY CONGRESSMAN
BOEHNER TO COMMEMORATING
NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Alcohol Awareness Month to recognize the Century Council and the distilled spirits industry for their latest efforts to fight drunk driving.

On April 10, 2001, in a landmark announcement, the Century Council joined by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) announced that they will work together to help states implement comprehensive legislation to combat the devastating problem of drunk driving.

America’s leading distillers have had a long-standing commitment to fighting drunk driving and maintain that it is the responsibilities of the states to enact an appropriate blood alcohol concentration level.

Launched in May of 1991, the Century Council is funded by America’s leading distillers to promote responsible decision-making regarding alcohol consumption and to fight alcohol abuse, focusing on drunk driving and underage drinking problems.

I am pleased to join President Bush and Secretary Mineta in commending the Century Council, the distilled spirits industry, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving for their lifesaving efforts.

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IN HONOR OF BR. JAMES
SPOONER, CSC PRESIDENT OF
ST. EDWARD SCHOOL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Br. James Spooner, CSC, President of St. Edward High School.

Born on January 4, 1946, Br. James Spooner grew up in Westpark where he attended Our Lady of Angels School. He eventually went to St. Edward High School in Lakewood where he graduated in 1964 and later attended Eastern Michigan University graduating with a B.A. and M.A. in Science.

Br. Spooner entered the congregation of Holy Cross in 1964 where he served his Postulancy at Sacred Heart Academy in Watertown, Wisconsin. He then served his Novitiate at St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana from 1964–1965 and his Scholasticate at Dujarie Hall in Notre Dame, Indiana from 1965–1967.

Br. Spooner has traversed throughout the Midwest Province serving as teacher and role model for high school students. He was a dedicated teacher and dorm counselor in Boysville School in Clinton, Michigan. He also spent time in Kentucky and Ohio offering his service at different high schools. From 1986–1988 he served as Associate Principal of Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron and then in 1988 became President and Principal of St. Edward High School in Cleveland.

Under his leadership as President of St. Edward High School, Br. James Spooner has led the school to many great achievements. In 1996, St. Ed’s was honored as a Nationally Recognized School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education. He spearheaded the St. Edward Technology Plan, a \$1 million program to incorporate technology in the classroom. He also raised the school’s endowment from \$300,000 to over \$5 million for student financial aid and faculty development. He has worked tirelessly with the staff and faculty to create and foster the Community Service and Community Meal programs which allows St. Edwards staff and students help and serve others. He has also worked for the school accreditation as a College Precatory School.

Most recently, he worked to launch the Generations of Eagles campaign, an ongoing capital campaign that will change the landscape of St. Edward High School from a Student Activity Center to be opened this fall, to the Jack Kahl Student Life and Leadership Center to break ground this summer, and the complete renovations of the Chapel starting next year.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Br. James Spooner’s hard work, dedication and his commitment to the St. Edward High School community.